

SUBJECT: Report of Office of Operations Participants
in SCAMP

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COMMENT NO. 2

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1. The report on SCAMP submitted by the O2 participants is submitted for your information.
2. There is a feeling in O2 that AFSA-34 is tending toward an excessive amount of emphasis on pure research at the expense of the kind of applied research which would be more directly of advantage to the COMINT effort.


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COMMENT NO 1

At the invitation of the organizing group, Office of Operations sent three teams of two members to SCAMP, each for a period of approximately 25 days. The purpose of the Office's participation was to act as observers and general guide to the mathematical research of the conference. It was felt that the presence of these members would serve to keep the topics discussed related to operational problems. The teams consisted of the following individuals:

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| 1. Dr. Dribin | 2. Mr. Levenson | 3. Dr. Getchell |
| Dr. Frazer | Mr. Smith | Mr. Bostick |

Upon arrival at U. C. L. A. it was found that several members were not cleared. In fact, the composition of the group was largely determined by the failure to clear many of the original selections for the group. This resulted in limiting severely the scope of the problems that could be discussed. This tended to divert the discussions from operational problems, and almost the entire time was devoted to the existence and construction of finite projective planes of various orders. This problem, although of some mathematical interest, did not warrant the effort in view of the lack of cryptologic application.

For the future we feel the problems to be discussed be coordinated with the Office of Operations and that the participants should be selected on the basis of having done work related to these problems. This presupposes adequate clearance prior to the beginning of the program.

In conclusion, we feel that the two months of SCAMP's existence failed to produce any results of value to the Office of Operations. It is recommended, therefore, that unless future programs be more clearly related to operational problems, the Office of Operations should not participate in such conferences.

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